

Senate Resolution 982

By: Senators Wiles of the 37th, Thompson of the 33rd, Stoner of the 6th, Hill of the 32nd and Rogers of the 21st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the members of the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron of the Georgia
2 Air National Guard; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron of the Georgia Air National
4 Guard, located at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, provides deployable, long range
5 communication and information capabilities in support of the Air Force and Joint Forces
6 Command operations around the world; and

7 WHEREAS, the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron was awarded its fifth Air Force
8 Outstanding Unit Award in 2007, just one year after receiving its fourth award in 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, in spite of a unit reduction of nearly 40 percent, this Georgia Air National
10 Guard unit continues its support of the Global War on Terror; and

11 WHEREAS, Georgia's 283rd Combat Communications Squadron deployed more than 20
12 percent of its members for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan where unit members deployed
13 to Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates where they established central
14 communications hubs vital for command and control for combat missions in Iraq; and

15 WHEREAS, Georgia's 283rd Combat Communications Squadron has also deployed in
16 support of Operation Bright Star, a biennial joint coalition exercise in Egypt directed by the
17 Joint Chiefs of Staff and scheduled by the United States Central Command; the operation is
18 co-hosted by Egypt and the United States, and is designed to increase regional involvement
19 in pursuit of improved security and defense capabilities; and

20 WHEREAS, a team of satellite communications specialists from the 283rd Combat
21 Communications Squadron deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, for more than a year to set
22 up high speed, secure video and voice communications links from army forward operating
23 bases; and

1 WHEREAS, the Dobbins based Georgia Air Guardsmen deployed in support of the First Air
2 Force's Deployable-Homeland and Air Cruise Missile Defense proof of concept operations
3 in California, an exercise demonstrating a rapidly deployable air defense system designed
4 to protect high profile national targets against cruise missiles and other low flying threats;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the 283rd's communications teams deployed to several locations on the West
7 Coast, providing secure data networking and voice communications and transmission
8 requirements; and

9 WHEREAS, the Air Guardsmen of Georgia's 283rd Combat Communications Squadron also
10 played a vital role in restoring reliable communication following the ravages of Hurricane
11 Katrina and Rita; and

12 WHEREAS, the members of this professional, well prepared, and highly trained organization
13 have shown that they are more than able to respond effectively to crises at home or abroad,
14 putting their lives on the line for the citizens of this great nation; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the contributions of this brave group of
16 individuals be recognized appropriately.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 commend the members of the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron of the Georgia Air
19 National Guard and express their appreciation for the contributions the group has made to
20 the defense of our nation.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the 283rd Combat Communications
23 Squadron of the Georgia Air National Guard.